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Oscar Haber at a Lexington school. (Photo courtesy of Tom Eblen, Lexington Herald-Leader)

Learn more: Read the transcript of an interview with Oscar Haber at Pass the Word, a project of the Kentucky Oral History Commission administered by the Kentucky Historical Society.

KEEPING THE MEMORY ALIVE

- The son of devout Orthodox Jews, Oscar Haber volunteered to work as a dentist in a Nazi prison camp in his Polish hometown. In 1942, when the Gestapo rounded up Jewish residents who were not in the camp, Haber and his wife escaped. They hid from the Germans for the rest of the war. Haber lost four siblings, his mother and a niece in Nazi camps. After Haber moved to Lexington in 1980, he often shared his story with Kentucky students, saying that what happened in the Holocaust should not be forgotten.













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